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The Honorable Carol Moseley-Braun
United States Senate
320 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-1303

Dear Senator Moseley-Braun:

Thank you for your letter of March 19, 1996, on behalf of your constituent, Mayor Charles Scholz, regarding the Commission's decision to freeze acceptance of paging applications. Mayor Scholz expresses concern that the suspension of processing of paging applications will adversely affect small businesses that provide paging services.

The Commission is currently conducting a rulemaking proceeding that proposes to transition from licensing paging frequencies on a transmitter-by-transmitter basis to a geographic licensing approach, using auctions to award licenses where there are mutually exclusive applications. In conjunction with that proceeding, the Commission initially froze processing of applications for paging frequencies. On April 23, 1996, the Commission released a First Report and Order in WT Docket 96-18 and PP Docket 93-253, which adopted interim measures governing the licensing of paging systems and partially lifted the interim freeze for incumbent paging licensees. For your convenience and information, enclosed is a copy of the Press Release concerning the First Report and Order, which includes a summary of the principal decisions made. Specifically, small and medium sized incumbent paging companies will be permitted to expand their service areas if the proposed new site is within 65 kilometers (40 miles) of an authorized and operating site. These interim rules will remain in effect until the Commission adopts final rules in the paging proceeding.

Thank you for your inquiry.

Sincerely,

David L. Furth
Chief, Commercial Wireless Division
Wireless Telecommunications Bureau

Enclosure

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Ms. Judy Harris
Director
Federal Communications Commission
Office of Legislative Affairs
1919 M Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Ms. Harris:

Enclosed is an inquiry I received from my constituent, Mayor
Chuck Scholz.

Because of my desire to be responsive to all communications, your
consideration of the matter is requested.

Please return your findings in duplicate form along with this
correspondence to the attention of Diana M. Lin on the envelope only.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Yours truly,



Carol Moseley-Braun
United States Senator

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
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CHARLES W. SCHOLZ
MAYOR

March 12, 1996

Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: Proposed Freeze on License Applications for
900 Mhz Communication Band

Dear Sir:

I am writing to offer official comments regarding the February 9th decision of the Federal Communications Commission to freeze applications for licenses throughout certain paging systems. This decision has a very detrimental effect on the economy of my community. It has been estimated that this decision could result in a loss of \$12 million dollars in sales to the Glenayre Technologies Company which has a large manufacturing plant located in Quincy, Illinois.

Glenayre Technologies has been one of the brightest spots on the economic development horizon in Western Illinois for the past several years. This is an area that was hard hit during the 1970s and 1980s and has rebounded in large measure due to the diversification of our industrial base through expansion into areas like the electronics field. Glenayre Technologies has hired nearly 200 workers in our city over the past year and recently dedicated a 65,000 sq. ft. addition to the plant they own in our industrial park. In addition, their success has had a ripple effect throughout our local economy and many of their suppliers have expanded as well. The firm now employs 650 people and is one of the largest companies in this area.

Glenayre Technologies has been a model corporate citizen and has been very active and involved in many positive programs in our city. Please consider the negative impact this decision would have on the citizens of Western Illinois. It is our understanding that this decision has nothing to do with any problems with the frequency and should not affect the movement to issue licenses on a geographic basis. It is our belief that a decision not to freeze applications for licenses in the 900 Mhz communication band would be in the best interest of everyone in the personal communications industry. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of the foregoing.

Very truly yours

Charles W. Scholz
Mayor

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cc: Commercial Wireless Division
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